

Delaware State Police Arrest New Castle Man and Woman for Robbery- New Castle



Jonice Diggs



Keshawn Parker

New Castle— The Delaware State Police have arrested 18-year-old **Jonice Diggs** of New Castle, DE, and 19-year-old **Keshawn Parker** of New Castle, DE, for a robbery that occurred yesterday afternoon.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at approximately 2:00 p.m., when two suspects approached a 57-year-old female victim in the parking lot of the Newark Pawn Shop located at 2709 Pulaski Highway, New Castle, DE, as she was seated inside of her vehicle. One suspect approached the driver side of the vehicle, displayed a handgun, and demanded all of her money and belongings. At the same time, the second suspect approached the front passenger side of the vehicle and removed the victim's purse and backpack which contained jewelry, cash, and electronics. A brief struggle ensued over the belongings which caused a minor injury to the victim's arm. The suspects then fled the scene in a dark colored sedan.

Further investigation revealed the suspects were inside of the pawn shop the same time as the victim and approached her after she exited the business. Troopers were able to identify the suspect's as Jonice Diggs and Keshawn Parker. Troopers responded to the suspect's residence and took them into custody without incident. Upon taking the suspects into custody troopers discovered a loaded handgun, the stolen electronics, and over \$500 in stolen cash.

Both suspects were transported to Troop 2, where they were charged with the following crimes:

Diggs

- Robbery 1st Degree (Felony)
- Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony (Felony)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (Felony)

Diggs was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and committed to Delores J. Baylor Correctional Institution in lieu of \$52,000 cash bail.

Parker

- Robbery 1st Degree (Felony)
- Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon a Firearm (Felony)
- Receiving a Stolen Firearm (Felony)
- Conspiracy 2nd Degree (Felony)

Parker was arraigned in Justice of the Peace Court #11 and committed to Howard R. Young Correctional Institution in lieu of \$87,000 cash bail.

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